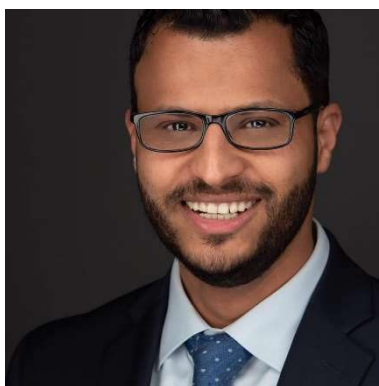


## University of Hartford International Human Rights Day Celebration

*“A University Student Fights for Human Rights during the Arab Spring and After”*  
Tuesday, Dec. 3, 12:15-1:15 at Wilde Auditorium.



West Hartford resident Esam Boraey will talk about how he and six other youth leaders fought for justice, freedom, and democracy in Egypt during the first direct protest against the president in over six decades.

After playing a key role in the Egyptian Revolution of 2011, Boraey subsequently worked with international leaders to push for a stable democracy in Egypt. However, when his activism resulted in a two-year sentence in Egypt’s criminal court, Boraey escaped to the U.S. where he was able to receive political asylum.

Since coming to the U.S., Boraey has continued his work for human rights. He has been honored for his work with several awards, such as the “Personality of the Year for fighting for human rights in the Middle East,” and the “Freedom Fighter of the Year.” He has also received many certificates of appreciation by organizations in the Middle East and throughout the world.

Boraey will tell the story of his experience during the Arab spring, as well as the difficult process of leaving his homeland and settling in the U.S. as a political asylee. The event will include time for Q&A.

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